## APPEAL FOR JUSTICE TO THE RANK AND FILE

#### Charge Made of Discrimination by Congress Against the Government Clerks.

Are you sufficiently impressed with the downright cruelty of this governent? I read in the columns of your aper that a man has just died in one of the departments of this capital eighty-one years old, having served the government forty-nine years. Very reof age, slipped from his desk into the Moreover, a woman, the mother of that distinguished officer whose name will go down in history with Dewey's—as long as the records of war was permitted to remain it rton until she died, aged eight: four. He would have been retired an pensioned at the age of sixty-two, while the woman, his mother, could cork for the same government twenty two years longer than the man-he

son!
And the disgraceful record has been made far too many years—if octogenarians dropping their pens only when their weary hands have been selzed by death. A thing utterly impossible in any other civilized nation. The President has said that we are "a big, powerful self-respecting nation." No one will demur to the "big and powerful"—might add with equal verity proud and boastful, but—self-respecting? Never, so long as Congress disdains and ignores departmental respecting? Never, so long as Congress disdains and ignores departmental clerks and their petition for a pension after serving the government faithfully until incapacitated by reason of age.

#### Alleges Favoritism.

of life. While another faithful servitor is weary head. As for the record Congress has made

As for the record Congress has made in self-respect, witness the salary increase of 1873, when the President's compensation was doubled from \$25,000 to \$50,000; cabinet and Speaker of the House raised from \$5,000 to \$5,000; but it is not remembered, or even known, perhaps, that there was a clause in that the was a clause w minus that offending clause-"retro-e"-and by taking "back-pay" for selves carned the disgraceful title

of "salary grab" for such unique legistation and the privilege of returning to private life for some of the participants in the noble enterprise.

Again in 1997, when Congress increased the salaries of its members 50 per cent, a plea was made for the clerks; that it was more difficult for them to live in Washington the entire year by reason of "the high cost of living" than it could possiby be for the congressmen who were groaning in spirit and very weak, so weak, so very weak, that they could not consider the clerks at all, although Senator Bacon of blessed memory said that nothing had been done for them since 1843. Yet when one member, whose name should be ever honored, ventured to suggest that mileage should be reduced to the expense actually incurred it was decided to keep it all—40 cents a mile—20 cents both ways, coming from and returning to their homes. And they left the city rejoicing in their spoils—practically \$9,000 a year, as a mile—20 cents both ways, coming from and returning to their homes. And they left the city rejoicing in their spoils—practically \$9,000 a year, as every congressman knows—while to the people called \$7,500—leaving the clerks helpless under their powerful feet, where they still remain, although seven long years have added to their burdens and poor men and women are dropping into their graves worn out dropping into their graves worn out and discouraged with the neglect of Congress and the annual cry "next session-next session"-which never comes for them. Yet not a session passes that the salaries of some higher officials are not increased!

### Clerks Still Neglected.

And today, when the presidential salary has been doubled again, reaching \$100,000, while ten members of the cabinet are paid \$12,000, those of the rank and file of clerks in the depart-ments are much poorer off than they were in 1843. The average of their salaries has been reduced one-third, from \$1,500 to \$1,000; one hour and half added to their daily time, and all

half added to their daily time, and all privileges and courtesies which they formerly received as gentlemen from gentlemen have been withdrawn.

Seventy years of service have been very unprofitable for the government clerk, while profitable and continually advancing for all above him in government service, outside in the commercial world and in all the avenues of labor!

Men and women with any sense of justice in your souls, can you call such a government self-respecting? Does not a sense of shame cloud your minds when you realize that always and forever the policy of Congress has been with financial gifts to bestow to commence at the top of the official ladder and never reach the bottom, while the practice of economy always commences at the top?

Again, I say, "Big, boastful, rich, proud, powerful, but never self-respecting. Never, so long as everything is done for Congress and the higher officials, and nothing for the clerks. A government "of, for and by the people" is systematically and continually transcressing its first principles.

C. E. MALDEN,

ressing its first principles.
C. E. MALDEN,
1221 Massachusetts avenue.

#### POSTMASTERS, \$2 EACH.

#### Cost of Examining Candidates Just Half of Original Estimate.

It cost the civil service con rather the government, just \$2 per office or the examination of applicants for fourth-class postmasterships, it is de-clared at the commission's offices. That the amount was as low as this is delared to be something to be proud of, when there is taken into consideration the fact that many of the offices were in isolated parts of the country, away from railroads, which it was difficult or the examiners to reach. The first stime to of the cost was \$4 per office. Evet at this low figure it has been necessary for the commission to ask congress for a genetency appropriation of \$10.000. There were 21,000 offices to be looked after, which made it necessary to examine several times that many applicants.

#### Seeks Naval Surgeon's Kin. Surgeon General W. C. Braisted of the

avy has asked Postmaster Bock of ate William A. Corwin, who, while a surseon in the navy, died aboard the U. S. S. Adams March 11, 1886, and was burled h Ancon cemetery, in the Canal Zone, orwin's body is among others that were axhumed, and it is now on its way to New York. Unless claimed by relatives New York, Unless claimed by it will be buried in Arlington emetery.

## FIVE GENERATIONS TO BE PRESENT AT STANDARDS OF LIVING BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT-THE BABY, WILLIAM EARL SCHUYLER, JR.: WILLIAM EARL SCHUYLER, SR., MRS. MINNIE A. SCHUYLER, WIL-LIAM N. DE NEALE AND MRS. JOSEPHINE DE NEALE.

#### **FIVE GENERATIONS** IN CAPITAL FAMILY

Believed to Be Unique in Washington.

Favored aristocrats-the army and by few if any families in this city, is passer on the hospital ship Solace, last storats—the army and by few if any families in this city, is passer on the hospital ship Solace, last pulsorily retired and pensulgerily retired a compulsorily retired and pen- the belief expressed by many of their December. Controller Downey of the opportunity to condemn-at the age, re- impetus from the fact that Mrs. De jon the question of whether or not Moller of sixty-two and sixty-four- Neale tomorrow celebrates her ninetymany of them fine specimens of vigor- third birthday anniversary. Her deood, barely beyond the prime scendants represent four more gen- to the receiving ship in New York harerations, making a total of five. of the same government is sentenced to is said that it is extremely unusual to pass on the question of whether or not find five generations having Hying rep-Moller should be charged with transwhen added to this is the fact that each nade in tically all of his or her life in this

ti is not remembered, or even known, perhaps, that there was a clause in that bill which would give female clerks in the departments—who were doing the same work as male elerks—the same, or equal salary. One member walled in almost tearful sorrow, that it had been "proposed to take \$400,000 out of the United States Treasury and give it to women"—the very prudently refrained for the elect.) Whereupon, being fully aroused to the enormity of such a crime, they promptly slaughtered that crime that crime they promptly slaughtered that the was able to show that he was not a deserter, and the charges against him to this effect were removed. The coal deserter, and the charges against him to this effect were removed. The coal deserter, and the charges against him to this effect were removed. The coal deserter, and the charges against him to this effect were removed. The coal deserter, and the charges against him to this effect were removed. The coal deserter, and the charges against

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#### ARREST OF COAL PASSER CAUSES DESERTION ROW

Record of Mrs. Josephine De Neale Harry Moller of the Solace, U. S. N., Makes Work for Accounting Officials.

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necessarily and the man is entitled to pay for the time he was It ber. The controller also has declined to portation to another temporary assignment, and has "passed the buck" to the auditor for the Navy Department

Moller was unable to establish his identity in time to return to his ship, and was posted as a deserter. This, it has been shown, was December 17, and Moller did not report to the receiving ship until December 29, three days later. He was able to show that he was not a deserter and the charges against him. Mrs. De Neale, who still resides on Capitol Hill, takes an active interest in the doings of the world. It was a still described by the accounting officers being whether or not any authority existed for paying Moller for all or any part of the time.

> Mrs. Sheets to La Buried Monday. Funeral services for Mrs. Henrietta H. Sheets, a former resident of Washington, who died Friday in Louisville, Ky., of pneumonia, will be held in this city tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. at the home

An argument for higher pay for govern-ment clerks and a "straight" or non-contributory pension plan is advanced by woman government clerk who has written on the same subjects published recently. The Star have received \$1,000 a year or

in this world, would it not? But as we | Park. are not, it is amusing to me to read the different communications from clerks and other working people as to how much salary it takes to live, and as to whether he average clerk can live on the salary that Uncle Sam pays. One correspondent says he spends nothing for tollet articles: loes he never use a tooth brush?

#### Some Need the Movies.

One says he spends quite a bit on the One says he spends quite a bit on the movies, and is censured by another for wasting so much money; but the fellow until now it is the lowest in the world. probably included what he paid for variabsent from his ship without reporting cessary for another to live on, it involves a great deal of discrimination as to what are the necessities of life. For instance, I can live without meat and ple, and in fact on one meal a day, with no discomfort, but I would be hungry in my heart and something gone out of my life if I could not stop occasionaly and buy a bunch of sweet roses from the wayside vender.

"A lady I heard of the other day "A lady I heard of the other day changes her underclothing three or four times a day and deems it a necessity. The majority of clerks, I dare say, would not agree with her. There are two of usmyself and an afflicted child. We get along on \$000 a year because we board with a lovely family. But after having tried it I could not live otherwise in a repectable place in this city and only half take care of my child, let alone give him medical care, on that salary, and my medical care, on that salary, and my feverish desire and mightlest effort are reversa desire and mignitest enort are toward keeping my place through changing administrations until the child can receive an education for support compatible with his affliction, gathering what flower's we can grasp along the way.

### Clothing Individual Question.

"The controversy about clothes is amus ing, too. In the office with me is a woman who has a variety of clothes that would put to shame a second-hand store iresses, a lot of different waists and hats, and is supposed to be an excellent and and is supposed to be an excellent and economical manager of the clothes problem. Now, I have been in the government service for years and have never had a tailored suit—never felt that I could afford one, being so unshapely of figure and extraordinary of size as not to be able to be fitted in ready-made suits. And yet to the casual observer I am the most In order to develop expert swordsmanship in the cavalry of the United States Army the War Department will annually the wife of the late Capt. Henry Harrison Sheets, a cousin of former President Harrison. She leaves three sons, W. S. Sheets of Washington, F. R. Sheets of and so buy a little piece of goods and a pattern and make up something pretty of the sheets of Washington, F. R. Sheets of Denver, and clean and clean.

STANDARDS OF LIVING

FOR U. S. EMPLOYES

No. the government clerk is not extravagant. He earns his money, and at the end of the month he has little left if he has paid his bills. Many a clerk's salary in this city stands for the support of several families. Here and there you will find one who lives beyond his means, but that is not saying he lives beyond his necessity, for the pretty velvet dress, the occasional opera or concert and the bunch of roses are as much a necessity to one as the roast beef and the many changes of clothing are to the other.

The thing for Uncle Sam to do is to increase the wage, if he can, commensurate with the increased rate of living generally and commensurate with the increased and commensurate with the increased efficiency he demands, and if he cannot afford it it is the place and privilege of the government clerk to be patriotic and do the best he can on what he gets or leave the service. And if he has patriotically given the best years of his life to his duties in the government service, then Uncle Sam ought to retire him without any controversy on a straight pension and let that be the end

Has Done Much for New Zealand,

Says Miss Jessie Ackerman.

The results of woman suffrage in New

against it in the United States, according

o Miss Jessie Ackerman! author and

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FOREST NOTES.

dian fire patrolmen to protect the forests of northern Manitoba.

Arrangements have just been made for the sale of 40,000,000 feet of timber on the Tongass national forest in Alaska. This forest is cut up by bays and inlets, some of which give an opportunity for taking the timber from the mill to the decks of ocean-going steamers. The Tongass forest is now self-supporting, its

local industries, much going into boxes

canfornia state inspectors at San Francisco have found a new canker disease on chestnut trees recently imported from Japan. According to Dr. Haven Metcalf, the government's expert on such diseases, this appears to be of the same type as the chestnut blight, which is ravaging the forests of the eastern United States, end it is possible that the new disease would be equally as destructive if it became established.

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Commission Favors Joint Rates. Through routes and joint rates should Kanawha district of West Virginia and Chesapeake and Ohio destinations in eastern and southeastern territory, ac

refute the arguments made

# OF CHAPEL MEMBERS OF CHAPEL MEMBERS OF CHAPEL MEMBERS The state of appeals in Annapolis about the time the Fisher case comes up for hearing, Monday, April 20. State's Attorney Clarence M. Roberts probably will assist in the prosecution. If a bill introduced by State Senator Archer at Annapolis becomes a law the linear in Prince Georges county will re-

Organized by the Presbytery Washington-Nearby Maryland News.

HYATTSVILLE, March 28, 1914. The Berwyn Chapel, which for more han twenty-five years had been a mison of the Fourth Presbyterian Church retire him without any controversy on a straight pension and let that be the end of Washington city, was recently orsanized into a Presbyterian church and CITES SUFFRAGE BENEFITS. the Presbytery of Washington. The new

hurch makes an auspicious beginning, with a membership of 142, a Sunday chool of more than 200 scholars and other well organized branches of work Rev. William A. Eisenberger is the acting pastor, and a congregational meeting will be held Wednesday evening to elect a regular pastor. Key, Mr. Eisenberger will, it is stated, be elected if he denew church are; Elders, Reuben T. Ca-ton, Prof. Howard L. Crisp and Remi P. Heuper; deacons, William B. Rook, John O. Hall, George Bewley and Alexander Mowatt; trustees, Charles S. Donaidson, Frank Truan, Herbert Robey, Harry Mc-Namee and J. Fred Keefauver.

to Miss Jessie Ackerman, author and lecturer, who is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Sharp, in Cleveland Park. She said that since women got the ballot in New Zealand saloons have been voted out of seventeen provinces, the police courts now meet less than formerly and deposits in savings banks have increased.

Miss Ackerman mentions a number of changes that have taken place in New Zealand since the women have had the vote and points out that there was a decided decrease in the birth rate before Want Him to Serve Another Term, eided decrease in the birth rate before Friends of John G. Holden are trying after that event the increase registered as councilman from the third ward. Mr. 27.29, as compared with 24.20 in England Holden is auditor of the American Seand his knowledge of finances has been

The Central Maryland Poultry Associaa husband is restrained from willing away his property as formerly could be done without making suitable provision of Walter E. Thorne, in Riverdale, and done without making suitable provision for his wife and children. Baby farming is now an impossible evil." she said. elected officers as follows: President, J. Fred Keefauver of Berwyn; vice pres dent, G. W. Hugnes; secretary, P. B. Crandall, and treasurer, E. J. Taylor. The superintendent and assistant superintendent of shows will be selected at the next meeting of the association, April 28, at Risdon's mills, Riverdale. The Canadian government is using In-

#### Will Conduct Fisher Trial.

A Pennsylvania gun company is using the waste pieces of black and circassian walnut, left after veneer cutting, for gun Judges Fillmore Beall and B. Harris Camalier, associate justices of the seventh judicial circuit of Maryland, will sit at the trial of William J. Fisher, Ghent, Belgium, furnishes practically all of the potted specimens of the symmetrical Araucaria, or Norfolk island pine, used as an ornamental foliage house plant in Europe and America. The charged with the murder of W. L. Altdorfer at the latter's home, in Chevy Chase, Montgomery county, last August, plant in Europe and America. The United States imports at least 250,000 of these plants in five or six inch pots each

furors in Prince Georges county will re-feelve \$3 instead of \$2 per diem. Senator Archer's bill applies to all counties in the state with the exception of Calvert, Charles and Garrett and Baltimore city. Charles and Garrett and Baltimore city.
Owing to the meager pay allowed jurors, it is said to be very difficult to get the proper sort of men for the service.

Factional politics in Prince Georges county had an inning at Annapolis yesterday when Delegate Blandford's bill to bond the county for 810,000 for a school-house at Brandywine, in the lower section of the county, was the special order in the house of delegates. An agreement was finally reached that the county commissioners should direct the issuance of the bonds at such time as the school board shall decide that the school is nec

The action of Senator Blair Lee in seuring a postponement of the confirmaof Laurel has opened up a political hor Tighe was indersed for the office by the county central committee, representing the organization element in the demo-cratic party. Friends of J. W. Gray claim that in a recent primary, when the question of whether Representative Smith should recommend Tighe or him-Smith should recommend Tighe or himself was before the people, Gray won out by a handsome majority and that he was, therefore, entitled to the recommendation. Representative Smith claims, it is understood, that he was compelled to stand by the policy of allowing the county central committee, as the governing body of the party, to make the recommendation.

Delegate Addison's bill allowing voters Prince Georges county to decide whether curity and Trust Company, Washington, or not they want intexicating liquors sold within their borders house of delegates and now goes to the senate. Laurel, Vansville and Hyatts-ville, all dry territory, have no voice in

#### Pointed Paragraphs. Most of our so-called troubles Are mis

Some men marry at leisure, then hustic

People never help a man to blow his wn horn because they like music.

BANK RESERVE CENTERS ARE SOON TO BE NAMED

Coming Week, It Is Thought. Will Bring Forth Expected Announcements.

New York, Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco, it is regarded as obvious, will be selected by the reserve bank organization committee as four of the minimum reserve bank centers of reserve districts ton, it is also predicted by many, will be

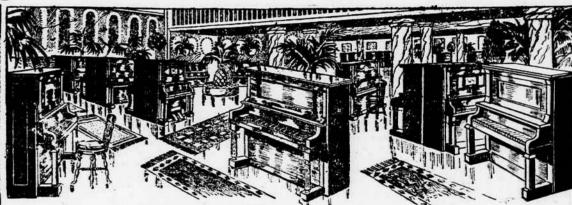
The coming week, it is confidently anwaited designation by the organization ommittee of cities in which are to be ocated the central reserve banks and the territory of the various reserve districts

north, may provide the reserve bank cenmay be located. Richmond aspires to be

Atlanta, Ga., presents claims to be reserve bank center for the southeast. The central south, including the gulf states, except Florida and Georgia, is a section which New Orleans would serve. Omaha, Neb., and Denver, Col., are in competition to be the center of central western and Portland, Ore., have aspirations to be centers of other prospective reserve districts.

The organization committee has been deliberating almost daily since its return from the western trip, on which it visited many cities to learn from bankers regarding the natural lanes of commerce regarding the natural lanes of commerce Controller Williams, as the third men-ber of the organization committee, too-part in its deliberations upon the retur-to Washington from the west. As M Williams was not confirmed as controll-at the time, Secretary McAdoo of it Treasury Department and Secretar Houston of the Agricultural Departmen-the other members of the committee later assumed his duties. ington without continuing the tou

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## "What Has She Just Said?"

To those who participated in our recent picture contest we wish to say that the names of the winners will be published Thursday or Friday of this week.

